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Designating 1990 as the "International Year of Bible Reading".

Whereas the Bible has made a unique contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and blessed Nation and people;

Whereas deeply held values springing from the Bible led to the early settlement of our Nation;

Whereas many of our great national leaders, such as Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Wilson, paid tribute to the important influence the Bible has had in the development of our Nation;

Whereas President Jackson called the Bible "the rock on which our Republic rests";

Whereas the history of our Nation illustrates the value of voluntarily applying the teachings of the Bible in the lives of individuals and of families; and

Whereas numerous individuals and organizations around the world are joining hands to encourage international Bible reading in 1990: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That 1990 is designated as the "International Year of Bible Reading". The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation recognizing both the formative influence the Bible has had on many societies of the world and the value of the study of the Bible.

Approved December 7, 1989.

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